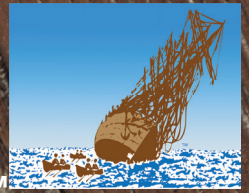




# 34th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival™



**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**Washtenaw Community College – Morris Lawrence Bldg.**

**4800 E. Huron Drive • Ann Arbor, MI 48105**

**Presented by The Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club**

**Doors Open at 8:30 am, Exhibits open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Times	Great Lakes Main Auditorium	Dive The World Seminar Room (behind Exhibits)	Technical/Educational Seminar Room (behind Exhibits)
9:00 am	Valley Girls - Saginaw Valley Ships <i>Ric Mixer</i>	Giants of Cortez <i>Tony Gramer</i>	Regulator Freezing - Why & What to Do <i>Tom Rhoad</i>
10:00 am	Morrell Encounter <i>David Trotter</i>	Operation Hailstorm - Truk Lagoon <i>Mike &amp; Georgann Wachter</i>	Solo vs. Buddy Diving <i>James Mott</i>
11:00 am	Sole Survivor - Daniel J. Morrell <i>Dennis Hale</i>	Philippines Style <i>Rudy Whitworth</i>	10 Things My Instructor Didn't Teach Me <i>Rich Synowiec</i>
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch Break and Exhibits</b>		
1:00 pm	D-Day's Sunken Secrets <i>Ralph Wilbanks</i>	One Lens Underwater <i>David Haas</i>	Caribou Hunters - Lk Huron Land Bridge <i>Ashley Lemke - Univ. of Michigan</i>
2:00 pm	Cutter Rescues <i>Ric Mixer</i>	Philippines - A Divers Paradise <i>Tony Gramer</i>	Lost Legends of the Lakes <i>Robert McGreevy</i>
3:00 pm	Skillagalee: Shipwreck Graveyard <i>Ross Richardson</i>	GoPro to Show Pro <i>Richard Castillo</i>	We Did Not Find La Salle's Ship Either <i>Ralph Wilbanks</i>
4:00 pm	Armored Warriors of the Deep <i>Mike &amp; Georgann Wachter</i>	Fiji's Finest <i>Rudy Whitworth</i>	Great Lakes Ancient Shores Sink Hole <i>Luke Clyburn</i>
5:00 pm	<b>Deco Stop (Atrium)</b>		
6:00 pm	<b>Deco Stop (Atrium)</b>		

**Advance Tickets \$25 / \$30 at the door**

**Purchase Tickets Online via PayPal through our website:**

**[www.ShipwreckFestival.us](http://www.ShipwreckFestival.us)**

**Program Details Available Online**

**For Mail Order : Make Checks payable to: The Ford Seahorses SCUBA Diving Club.**

**Enclose Check, Money Order or Credit Card Information and Mail to: GLSF Tickets, 46030 Litchfield Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170**

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**S**hipwrecks are always the theme of this event and this year is no exception. The Festival will provide seminars that include Great Lakes maritime history and shipwreck presentations along with Saltwater diving and Educational/Technical diving/equipment topics. The hourly programs, between 9 am and 5 pm, will feature 3 concurrent topical seminar presentations.

In the Shipwreck Room we will have a number of entertaining presentations; Anniversaries are a theme this year. It has been 70 years since the Normandy invasion and we will have Ralph Wilbanks (NUMA) discussing the survey work he did on the waters just off the Normandy beaches. It is surprising what he and his team found. Staying with the WWII topic, Mike and Georgann Wachter will present "Operation Hailstorm - Truk Lagoon". As anniversaries go, it has been 49 years since the sinking of the Daniel J. Morrell off the thumb of Michigan. David Trotter will be presenting his "Morrell Encounter" presentation. Of special interest, we will have Dennis Hale, the sole survivor of the Daniel J. Morrell sinking on site. He will have a presentation about his ordeal as well as signing his books. We will also have Ric Mixter presenting two of his shows: one on Cutter Rescues and the other on the history of ships built in the Saginaw Valley shipyards. Mike and Georgann Wachter have a presentation based on Hard Hat diving in the Great Lakes. Shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson reveals his latest finds in northern Lake Michigan.

In the Dive the World Room, Tony Gramer will take us to two places this year - the Philippine Islands and to the Sea of Cortez, highlighting white tip sharks, sea lions and whale sharks and small critters. Rudy Whitworth will provide presentations from two exotic locations: first from Fiji and it's colorful reefs and second is a critter filled double land based production called "Philippines Style". David Haas will use his photographic insight in his compact camera presentation and Rich Castillo will remove the mystery from the GoPro system and show how to take it's footage out to show quality.

In the Tech/Ed Room, Tom Rhoad will present "Regulator freezing - why it happens and what to do to prevent it". Luke Clyburn will discuss the ancient shores of the Great Lakes and will document a sink hole. Ashley Lemke will represent UofM's Archaeology Department and will summarize the 2014 search for the "Caribou Hunters beneath Lake Huron". Rich Synowiec has some very dive-able information in "10 Things My Instructor Didn't Teach Me". James Mott will discuss the topic "Solo vs. Buddy Diving". Robert McGreevy will provide an updated version of the "Lost Legends of the Great Lakes". Ralph Wilbanks (NUMA) will return us to the waters off England while he searches for the John Paul Jones ship - the Bon Homme Richard.

In the Exhibit area, there will be a variety of book signings, exhibits from local maritime artists, and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. There will be representatives from the dive industry equipment manufacturers, dive travel destinations and dive travel agents for obtaining the latest on equipment and dive travel trips. A number of local dive shops & dive operators will be represented as well as underwater parks and quarry opportunities for local diving.

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